

# SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REPORT



**To:** Paths & Trails Subcommittee  
**From:** Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner  
**Meeting Date:** August 19, 2014  
**Subject:** Scottsdale Road Streetscape Project

## ITEM IN BRIEF

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**Action:** Information

### **Purpose:**

Provide an update of the Scottsdale Road Streetscape Project as it relates to the City of Scottsdale trail system.

### **Background:**

In September 2000, voters approved the authorization to issue bonds for scenic corridor preservation. Scottsdale Road is designated by Scottsdale's General Plan as a scenic corridor which stretches from Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard to Carefree Highway for a total of 11 miles. Of this 11 miles, a six-mile segment from Happy Valley Road to Carefree Highway is designated as Desert Foothills Scenic Drive.

The Scottsdale Road Streetscape Project Segment 6 (Happy Valley Road to Carefree Highway) was identified in the capital improvement plan as a bond funded project and was allocated funding in the amount of \$8M. In January 2009, the city completed the Desert Foothills Scenic Corridor and Trails Analysis and identified four priorities to enhance and restore the natural character of the Desert Foothills Scenic Drive. These priorities included underground remaining overhead power lines, provide native plant re-vegetation and install intersection improvements reflecting the rural desert/equestrian character, and improve the trail system as allowed by any remaining funds.

### **Current Status:**

Staff is working with a consultant to implement the priorities set forth for Desert Foothills Scenic Drive and is using the Scottsdale Road Streetscape Guidelines approved in May 2008 to design improvements. The city is acquiring trail easements for the future trail along the east side of Scottsdale Road and has identified approximately one mile of trail to be designed and built as a part of this project.

# SCOTTSDALE ROAD STREETSCAPE PROJECT

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# Project Chronology

- 2000 Bond Initiative Approved by Voters
- 2008 Scottsdale Road Streetscape Guidelines
- 2009 Scenic Corridor & Trails Analysis
- 2013 Project Start

# Project Partners

- Residents
- Friends of the Scenic Corridor
- Coalition of Greater Scottsdale
- Friends of Pinnacle Peak
- Businesses
- Churches
- HOAs
- City of Scottsdale

# Project Priorities

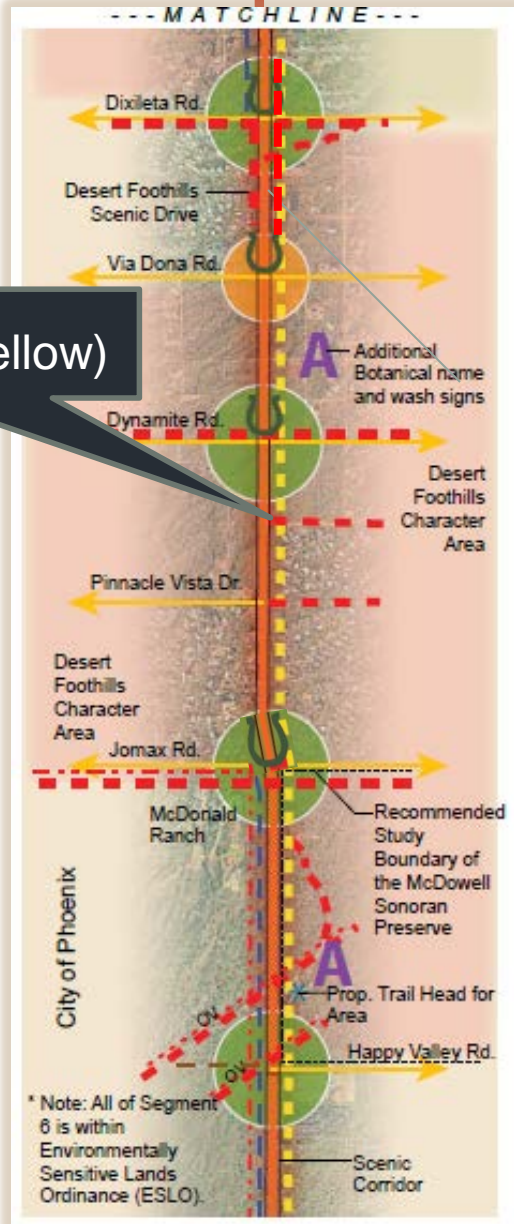
- Priority 1 – Underground remaining utilities
- Priority 2 – Provide native plant revegetation
- Priority 3 – Improve trail system

# Project Funding

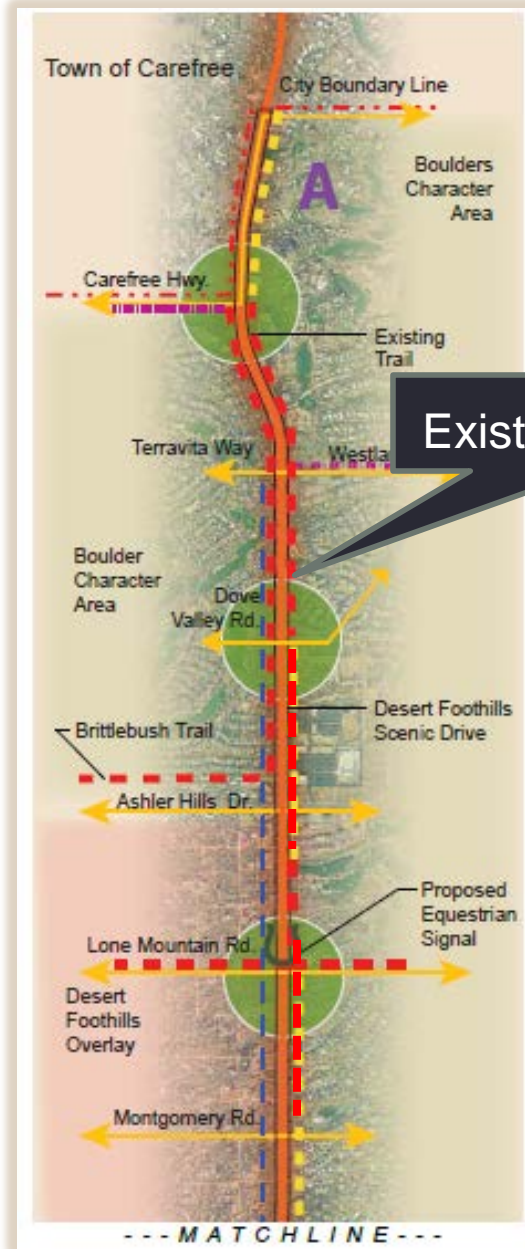
- 2000 Bond Funding – \$8 Million
  - \$5 Million – Underground Power Lines
  - \$300,000 – Easement Acquisition
  - \$2.7 Million – Remainder
- Trail Improvement Program – \$1.2 Million available
  - \$300,000 – 1 Mile of Trail

# Project Scope

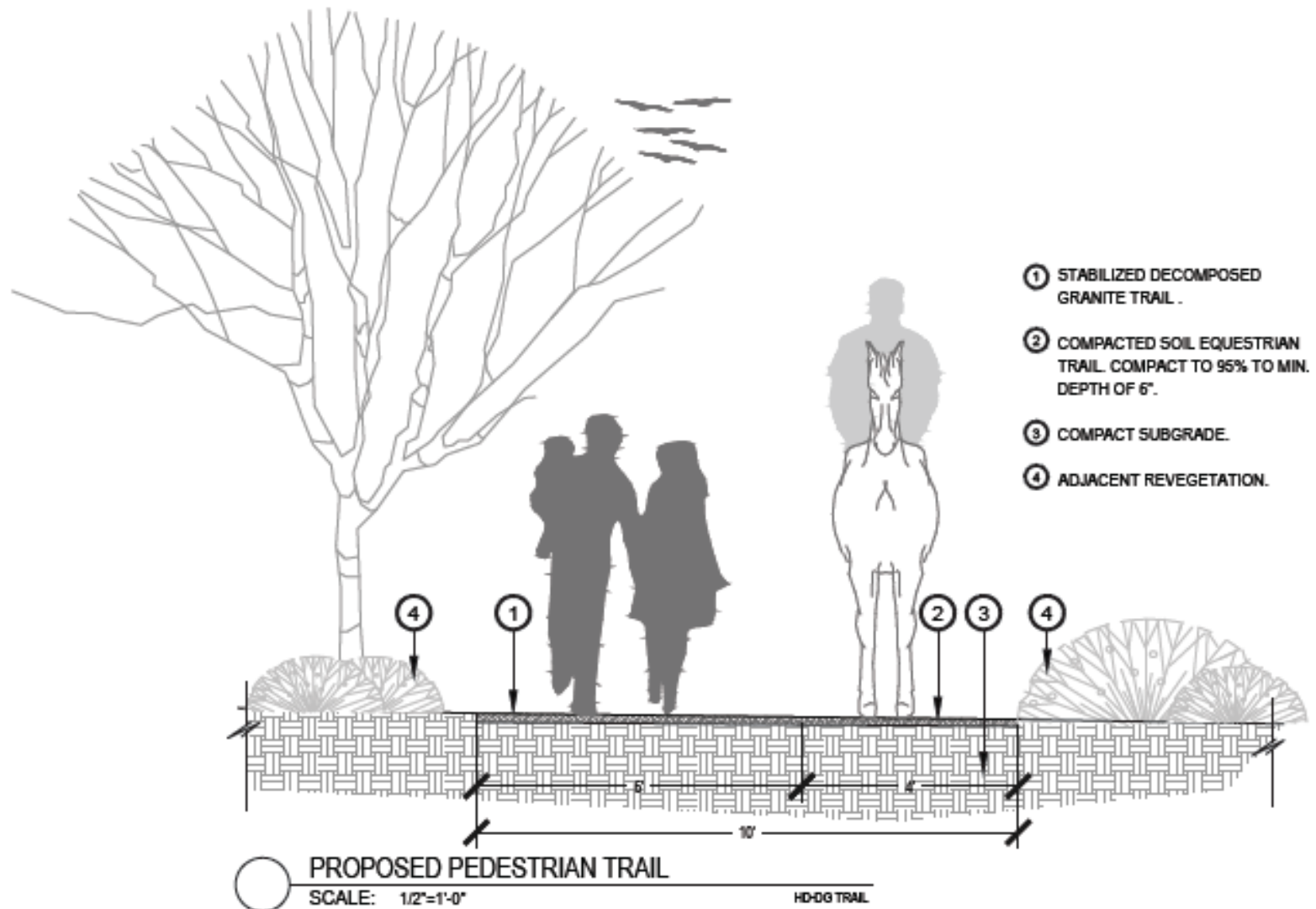
Planned Trail (Yellow)



Existing Trail (Red)

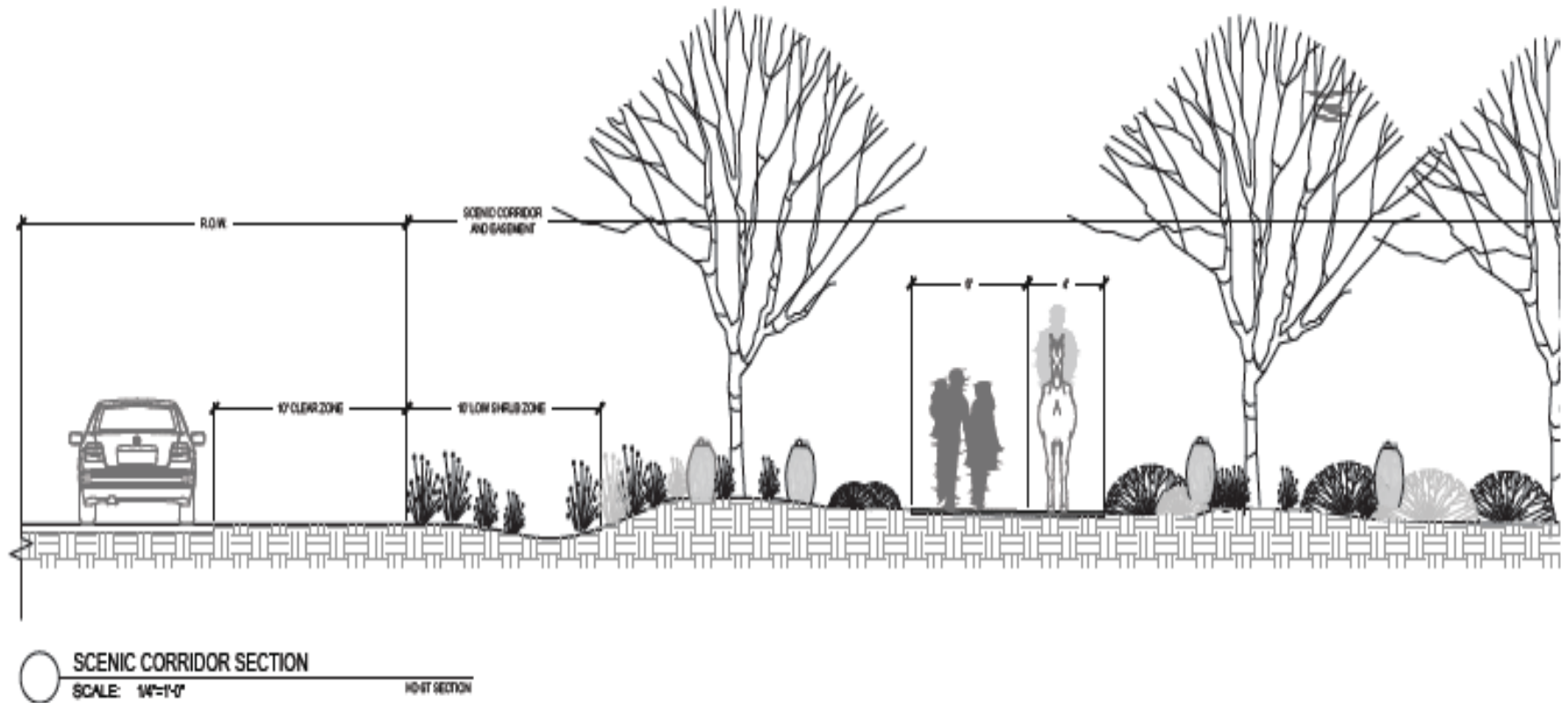


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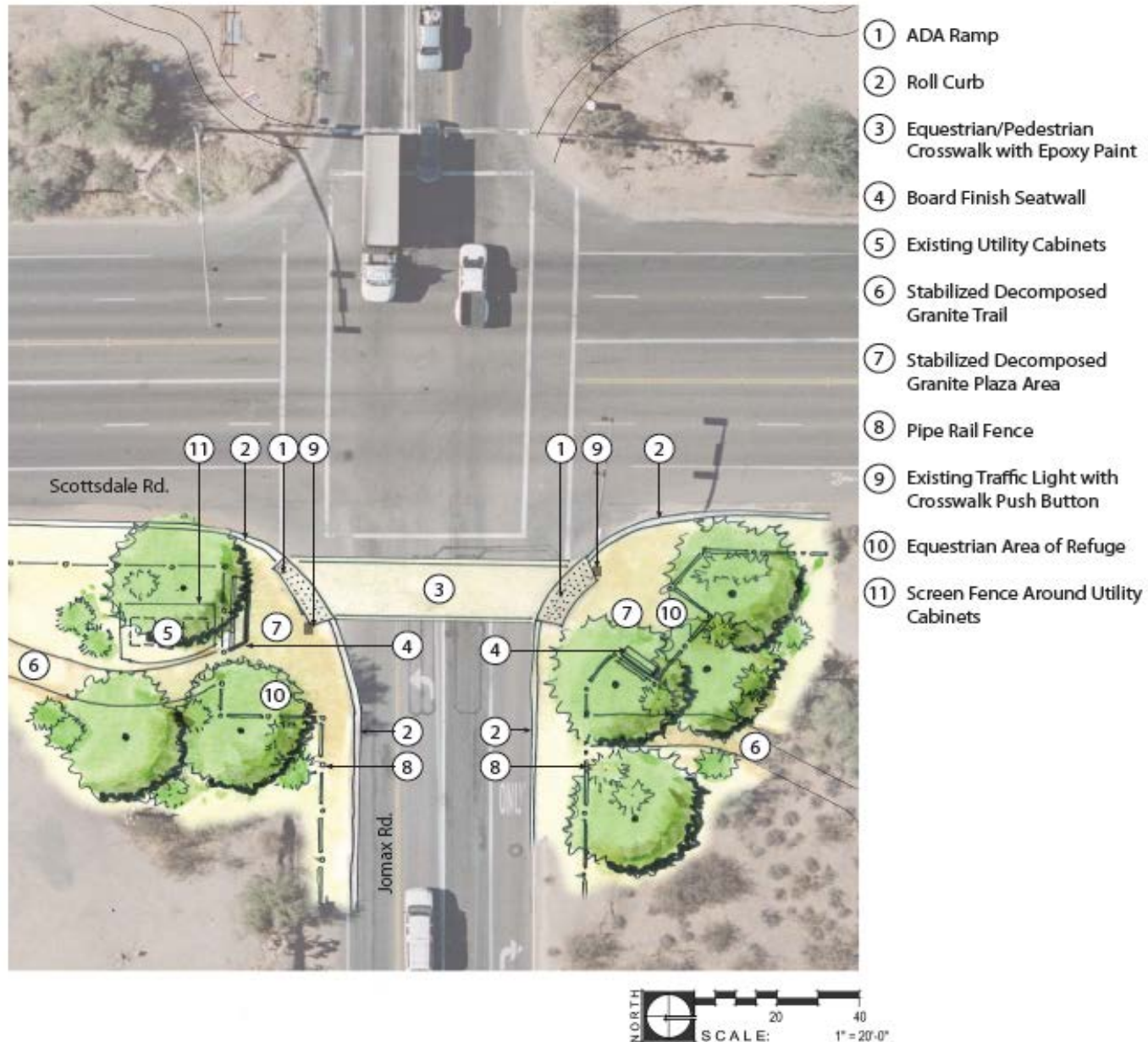




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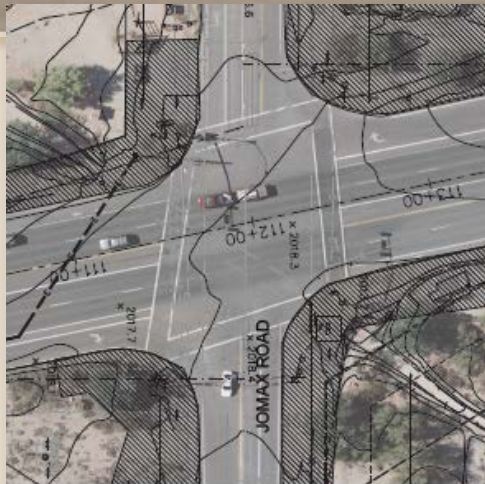
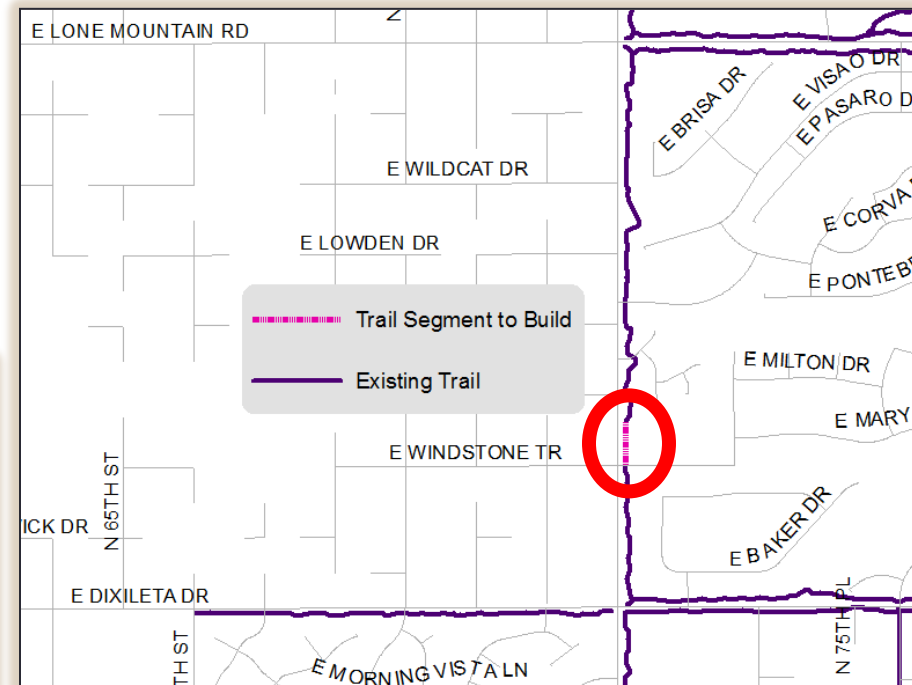
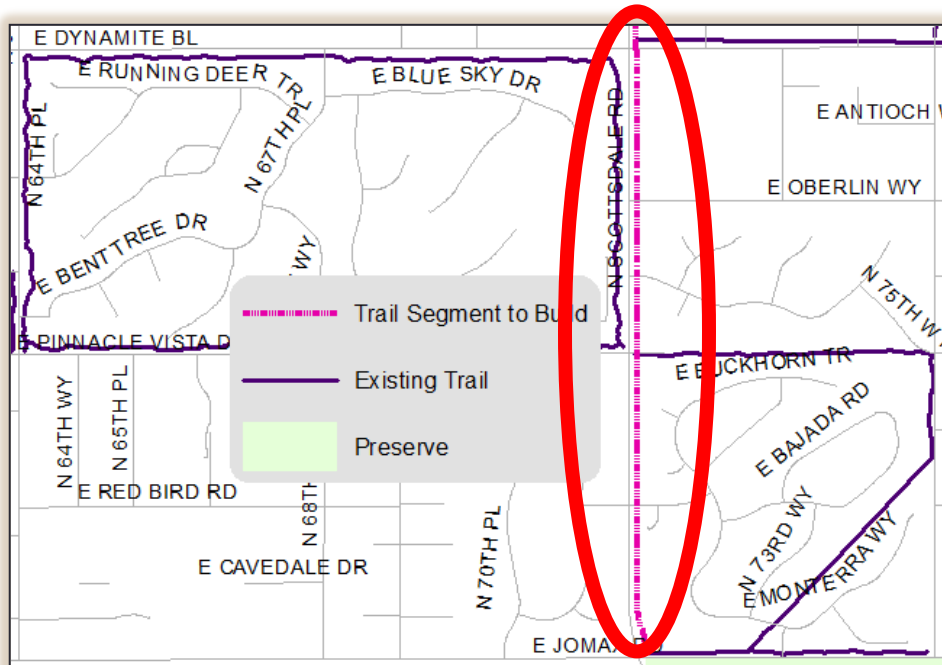


Photo simulation of  
enhanced intersection



# Trail Segments to Build



# Project Challenges

- Limited Funding
- Easement Acquisition
- Topography
- ADA Requirements

# Project Schedule

- Currently in design
- Re-vegetation Fall 2014
- Construction Winter 2015

# Discussion